

**Citizen's Petition: (Article 41) filed by Carol Pope, 119 High Street, Amherst, (413)256-0467
Designer of The Kinsey Garden**

“To see whether Town Meeting would recommend to the Trustees of The Jones Library, Inc., that they preserve in its entirety the Kinsey Memorial Garden, and that they authorize a Garden Committee of horticultural experts and experienced gardeners, analogous to the Library's Burnet Gallery Committee of artists, to maintain and oversee the Kinsey Garden.”

This Petition was filed not only to save the Kinsey Garden at the Jones Library and to address the inadequate care under the recently changed current Garden Policy, but works in tandem with those who are advocating a smaller renovation/construction project within the Jones Library building's present footprint.

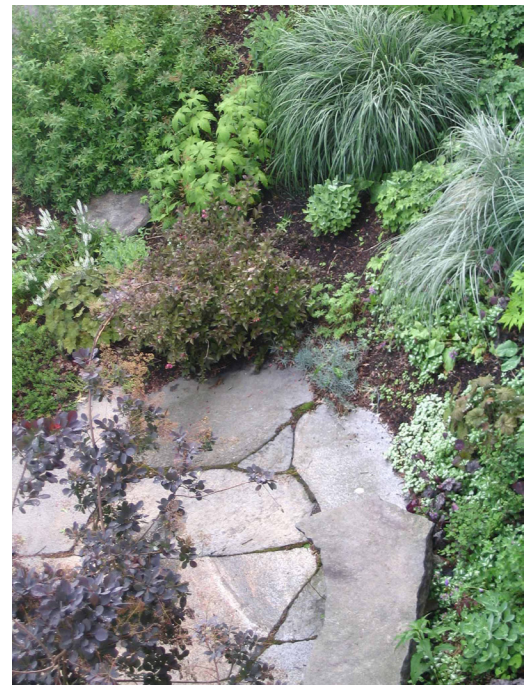
Renovating within the footprint would meet the future needs of library patrons at reasonable expense while enhancing the beauty and utility of the building, preserving the integrity of the Library's historic exterior as well as saving the botanically sophisticated Kinsey Garden, unique to our downtown, and beloved by Valley residents and visitors. With the coming Cultural District, the Garden would be a special place enhancing the District and attracting visitors.

* The Kinsey Memorial Garden, located behind the Jones, was designed and installed in 1999 with thousands of dollars in contributions to a memorial fund directed to the The Friends of The Jones Library.

* Donations included pro bono design work, volunteer professional gardeners and community members preparing ground, then installing plants and hardscape (stone benches, patio, stairs, and arbor).

* Significant additional funds were donated from a major whole-weekend fundraiser given pro bono by two famous plantsmen as well as their personal, generous cash donations.

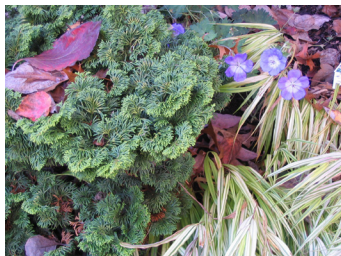
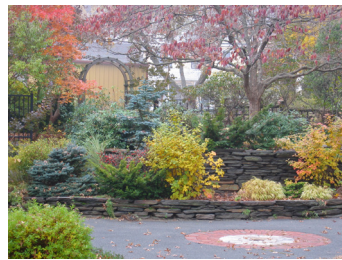
* Thousands of dollars worth of special, unusual plants as well as countless hours of work have been donated over 15 years by the designer. The Friends have donated funds for garden labor.



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The Kinsey Garden would be preserved and in fact enhanced if:

- ~ Jones Renovation/construction project remains within the Library building's existing footprint
- ~ Library Trustees appoint the requested committee of volunteer horticultural experts, including the designer of the Garden, analogous to the Burnet Gallery Committee of artists, to oversee the plantings and maintenance of the Kinsey Garden
- ~ The designer is once more allowed to select, donate, and place the special plants and hardscape designs and materials as in the past 15 years



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